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ABSTRACT

This book introduces new themes to the multicultural conversation, including moral development, economic diversity, environmental concerns, and consumerism. The book explains that multicultural education is not just about racial and ethnic diversity, though it still focuses on racism and other biases in education for children who are poor and of color. There are 10 chapters in two parts. Chapter 1, "Growing Up in a World of Contradictions and Injustices: A Multicultural Response," discusses links between multicultural and environmental issues, multicultural goals for children, parent and teacher roles, and approaching multicultural issues. Part 1, "Contexts of Learning," includes: (2) "We Are All Learning"; (3) "The Context of Race"; (4) "The Economic Context"; (5) "The Context of Culture;" (6) "The Context of Gender and Sexual Orientation"; and (7) "The Context of Abilities and Disabilities." Part 2, "Everyday Multiculturalism: Practical Applications," includes (8) "Challenging Our Assumptions and the Status Quo"; (9) "Physical Environment and Materials"; and (10) "Building Critical Supportive Communities." An appendix presents suggested books for children. (SM)

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